

GUNS, KNIVES, HAND GRENADES AND BOOBY TRAPS

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OBJECTIVES

- **Identify uncommon injuries**
- **Discuss physiology of injuries**
- **Discuss proper treatment of injuries**
- **Develop critical thinking...**

CASE 1

- 45 year-old male ejected from motorcycle in rural area
- Found down embankment, lying on right side, helmet cracked
- Positive loss of consciousness
- A&O x 4, odor of ETOH
- Noticeable laceration to head and facial fractures



CASE 1

- **Airway has minor bleeding**
- **Breathing is adequate, equal rise and fall; LS clr in all fields**
- **Circulation reveals strong peripheral pulses; skin is pink, warm and dry**
- **VS: RR 20, HR 120, BP 140/88, Sat 98%RA, PERRL**

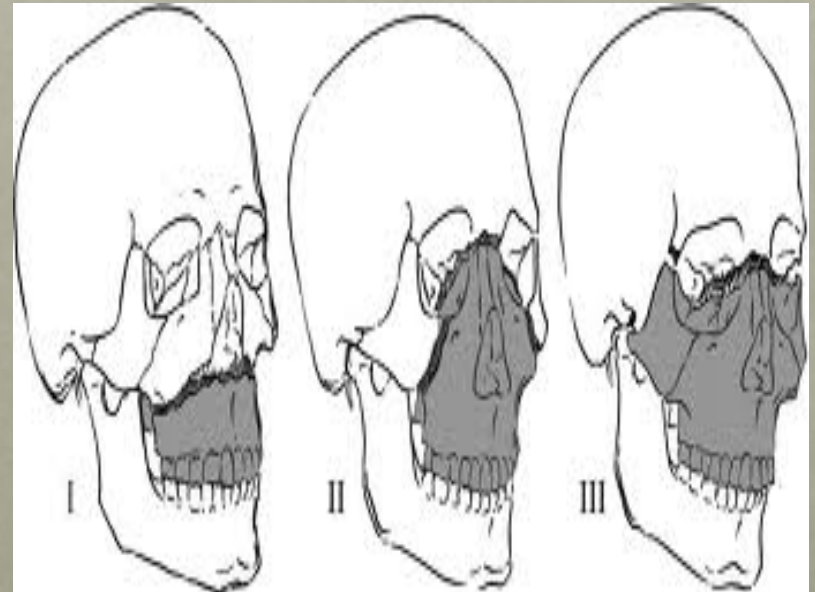
CASE 1

- Immobilized
- 2 IVs established
- Airway monitored
- Flown to Level II Trauma Center
- CT revealed....



CASE 1

- **LeFort III Fracture**
 - **Cranial-Facial Disjunction**
 - **Face separates from skull**
- **Concerns?**
- **Transferred to Level I Trauma**



CASE 2

- 13 year-old male at school
- Walks to teachers desk while eating cookie
- Classmate, horse-playing slaps him in the chest
- Boy collapses
- CPR initiated



CASE 2

- You and your partner arrive to find teaching performing chest compressions
- Airway has cookie crumbs, but otherwise clear
- Breathing is absent
- Circulation is absent without compressions
- Thoughts?



CASE 2

- Monitor reveals V-Fib
- Defibrillated at 200J
- Appears to be sinus rhythm on monitor
- After 2 mins of CPR pulse present
- Airway managed



CASE 2

- **Commotio Cordis**
“Agitation of the Heart”
- **Sports injuries**
- **Contusio cordis**
- **Most cases fatal**



CASE 3

- 25 year old female with self-inflicted GSW to abdomen
- In bathroom floor with significant blood loss
- PD attempting to control bleeding
- She is A&O x 4, screaming



CASE 3

- Airway patent
- Breathing increased, clr LS
- Circulation revealed weak, thready pulse; skin C/P/D
- VS: RR 34, HR 134 per PD
- Thoughts?



CASE 3

- NRB
- Moist dressings applied
- Wrapped in plastic wrap
- IVs wide-open?
- PUHA!!!!
- “chicken pad” like material in wound?????



CASE 3

- PD advises “She had a case of Charmin in the bathroom, so we shoved it in the wound to control the bleeding”
- Pt transported to ED
- Dies hours later



CASE 4

- 41 year-old male at Family Care
- Pt fell 10 feet from roof
- Three 1 inch punctures to L chest
- Sutured; pt discharged
- En route home, pt became SOB
- Returned to PCP



CASE 4

- Found sitting in tripod position
- Obvious respiratory distress
- A&O x 4
- Airway patent
- Breathing labored, absent LS on left
- Circulation- weak pulses; C/P/D

CASE 4

- Pt placed on NRB
- VS: RR 40, HR 120, BP 90/60, O2 sat 90%RA
- JVD noted, trachea midline
- Thoughts?
- Sutures removed; occlusive dressing applied

CASE 5

- 57 year old male involved in explosion
- 20 lb. propane tank
- 1st degree facial burns
- Soot in airway
- Thoughts?



CASE 5

- A&O x 4
- Airway...
- Breathing labored with diminished LS
- Circulation reveals strong pulses; skin pink, warm, dry
- VS: RR 28, HR 112, BP 140/80, O2 sat 92%RA



CASE 5

- Mental status and O2 sats decreasing
- Thoughts?
- DAI performed
- Redness and swelling
- Unable to pass 7.5 ET tube



CASE 5

- Intubated with 6.5 ET tube
- Transported to level II Trauma Center
- Later flown to level I Trauma Center with burn care specialty



CASE 6

- 25 year old male on local trail assaulted
- After 1.25 miles, find patient
- Pt found on knees, very pale and pasty with significant trauma to mid-neck area
- Blood running down neck, to shirt and soaking pants



CASE 6

- A&O x 2
- Airway....
- Breathing rapid and shallow;
LS diminished
- Circulation weak pulses; skin
cool, pale and pasty
- Sub Q air and JVD noted



CASE 6

- Asherman Chest Seal and NRB applied
- IV established
- Pt deteriorated during hike
- Visualization revealed crushed airway
- Surgical Cric performed



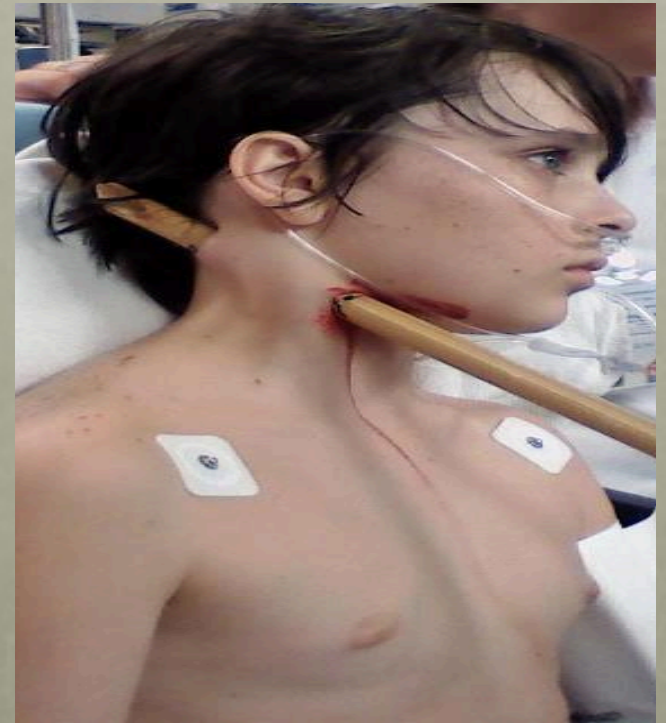
CASE 7

- 12 year-old male playing
- Bamboo “sword” impaled in neck
- Impaled in right side of neck between trachea and carotid
- 3 ft of bamboo protruding



CASE 7

- A&O x 4
- Airway patent
- Breathing was adequate
- Circulation- weak pulses; skin cool and “gun metal gray”



CASE 7

- Blood weeping around site
- Manual C-Spine and NRB
- Consider taking the airway?



SUMMARY

- Mechanism of Injury
- Maintain airway
- ABC's
- Stay calm...

QUESTIONS

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